10 Islamic Stories for Kids

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The Lantern of Choices

A quiet evening at home. Baba and Mansoor are sitting under the warm glow of a lantern, sipping tea.

Mansoor: Baba, my friend Ali said something today that confused me. He said we should always follow what everyone else is doing because it’s safer. Is that true?

Baba: Hmm, Mansoor, that’s an interesting question. Tell me, do you think following others is always the right choice?

Mansoor: Well, if everyone is doing it, it must be good, right?

Baba: Not always, my dear. Let me share something from the Qur'an. Allah says:
"Those who followed will say, 'If only we had another turn [at worldly life], so we could disassociate ourselves from them as they have disassociated themselves from us.' Thus will Allah show them their deeds as regrets upon them. And they are never to emerge from the Fire."
(Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:167)

Mansoor: What does it mean, Baba?

Baba: It means that some people blindly follow others, even when they know it's wrong. On the Day of Judgment, they'll wish they had chosen differently. But by then, it will be too late.

Mansoor: Oh no! Why don't they choose the right path?

Baba: Sometimes it's easier to follow the crowd, even if the crowd is wrong. But remember, Allah gave us a brain to think and a heart to understand. We must choose wisely, even if it means standing alone.

Mansoor: Is it scary to stand alone?

Baba: It can be, but let me tell you a story. Once, there was a boy named Ibrahim. He lived in a village where everyone worshipped idols. But Ibrahim knew in his heart that only Allah deserved worship. He stood firm, even when the whole village was against him. Do you know what happened?

Mansoor: What, Baba?

Baba: Allah protected Ibrahim because he chose the truth. Standing for what's right brings Allah's help, even if the world is against you.

Mansoor: So, if my friends want me to do something wrong, I should say no, even if they laugh at me?

Baba: Exactly, my dear. Be brave like Ibrahim. Following the crowd isn't important—pleasing Allah is. And remember, a wise person once said, "What is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right."

Mansoor: I'll remember that, Baba. I want to make Allah happy, not just my friends.

Baba: That's my boy! Remember, Allah loves those who stand firm for the truth. And you'll always have my support, no matter what.

The Candy Dilemma

Mansoor: Baba! Look! My friend Ali gave me this candy bar today. Can I eat it?

Baba: Hmm, let me see, beta (son). [Examines the wrapper] Did you check if it’s halal?

Mansoor: Umm... no, Baba. Ali said it’s delicious, so I thought it must be fine.

Baba: Mansoor, Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala tells us in the Qur’an:
"O mankind, eat from whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:168)

Mansoor: What does that mean, Baba?

Baba: It means that we must be careful about what we eat. Allah wants us to consume only halal and good things because they keep our hearts and bodies pure. If we are careless, we might fall into the traps of Shaytan, who wants us to disobey Allah.

Mansoor: Oh no! I don’t want to follow Shaytan! But how do I know if this candy is halal?

Baba: That’s a good question, beta. Always check for a halal label or look at the ingredients. If you’re unsure, it’s better to avoid it. Let’s check this one together.

[They look closely at the wrapper but find no halal certification.]

Baba: See, Mansoor? There’s no halal mark, and some of the ingredients could be haram. What do you think we should do?

Mansoor: I think I shouldn’t eat it, Baba. I don’t want to eat something that might not please Allah.

Baba: That’s my boy! I’m proud of you for making the right choice. Allah rewards those who obey Him. Let’s replace this candy with something halal and just as tasty.

[Baba takes Mansoor to the kitchen and gives him a delicious halal treat they had bought earlier.]

Mansoor: Mmm, this is so good! Baba, I'll always check before eating from now on.

Baba: That's wonderful, beta. Remember, staying on the right path takes effort, but Allah's blessings make it worth it.

Mansoor smiles, feeling happy and proud of his choice. He learns an important lesson about being mindful and responsible, guided by his faith.

The Tempting Offer

Mansoor: Baba, today Ahmed told me he knows a way to get free toys from the store without paying. He said it's okay because no one will find out. What should I do?

Baba: Beta, I'm glad you came to talk to me. Let me share something important Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala tells us in the Qur'an:
"He only orders you to evil and immorality and to say about Allah what you do not know." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:169)

Mansoor: What does that mean, Baba?

Baba: It means Shaytan wants to lead us to do wrong things, like lying, stealing, or saying things about Allah that are not true. He tries to make bad things look harmless or even good, but they only bring harm in the end.

Mansoor: Oh no! So, Ahmed's idea is something Shaytan would want me to do?

Baba: Yes, beta. Stealing, no matter how small, is wrong. Even if no one finds out, Allah sees everything. Remember, honesty and doing the right thing bring blessings, while doing wrong brings sadness and trouble.

Mansoor: But what if Ahmed says I'm boring or not brave for refusing?

Baba: Being brave doesn't mean doing what others say to please them, especially if it's wrong. True bravery is standing up for what is right, even when it's hard. Tell Ahmed kindly that you can't do it because you want to please Allah.

Mansoor: What if he doesn't understand?

Baba: Then you can explain. Maybe he doesn't realize it's wrong. And if he still insists, it's better to stay away from such ideas and people who encourage them.

Mansoor: You're right, Baba. I want to be honest and make Allah happy.

Baba: That's my boy! Remember, every time you choose the right path, Allah rewards you. And I'll always be here to help if you're unsure about anything.

Mansoor smiles, feeling stronger and ready to make the right decision. He learns that true courage is staying on the path of goodness and faith.

The Right Path

Mansoor: Baba, today at school, my friend Saad said we should follow everything our ancestors did because they were always right. Is that true?

Baba: That’s an interesting question, beta. Let me tell you what Allah says in the Qur’an:
"And when it is said to them, 'Follow what Allah has revealed,' they say, 'Rather, we will follow that which we found our fathers doing.' Even though their fathers understood nothing, nor were they guided?" (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:170)

Mansoor: What does that mean, Baba?

Baba: It means that we should not blindly follow anyone, not even our ancestors, if their actions go against what Allah has revealed. Allah gave us the Qur’an and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to guide us.

Mansoor: But what if someone says, "Our ancestors knew best, and we should do everything like them"?

Baba: Beta, respecting our ancestors is good, but it doesn't mean they were always right. Sometimes, they might not have had the knowledge or guidance we have today. Allah wants us to use our understanding and follow His teachings, even if it's different from what others are doing.

Mansoor: That makes sense. But Baba, wouldn't people get upset if I choose to follow Allah's way instead of their way?

Baba: They might, beta, but remember, pleasing Allah is more important than pleasing people. When we choose the right path, we help others see the truth too. Be kind and respectful when you explain your choice, and maybe they'll understand.

Mansoor: So, if someone says to follow traditions that don't follow Islam, I should say no?

Baba: Exactly, beta. Always ask yourself if it aligns with what Allah and His Messenger have taught us. If it doesn't, it's better to follow the truth.

The True Understanding

Mansoor: Baba, today I overheard some kids at the park saying things about Allah that didn’t sound right. I tried to explain the truth, but they didn’t listen. They just laughed at me.

Baba: That must have been hard for you, beta. Let me share what Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala says in the Qur’an:
"The example of those who disbelieve is like that of one who shouts at what hears nothing but calls and cries - deaf, dumb, and blind, so they do not understand." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:171)

Mansoor: What does that mean, Baba?

Baba: It means that some people choose to close their hearts and minds to the truth, no matter how clearly it is explained to them. It’s like shouting at sheep or cattle—they hear the sound, but they don’t understand the meaning.

Mansoor: That sounds sad. Why don’t they want to listen?

Baba: Sometimes, beta, people don’t want to leave their old ways, or they fear change. Others might not know the importance of seeking knowledge and understanding.

Mansoor: But, Baba, if they don't understand, how will they know the truth?

Baba: That's why it's important to share the truth with kindness and patience. Your effort to explain to them is valuable, even if they don't listen right away. Allah rewards those who try to guide others towards the right path.

Mansoor: So, should I keep trying to tell them?

Baba: Yes, beta, but always remember to be gentle and respectful. If they still don't listen, leave it to Allah. He guides whom He wills. Your job is to convey the message with sincerity.

Mansoor: Thank you, Baba. I'll keep trying to share what I know and make dua for them.

Baba: That's the spirit, beta. Always stay connected to Allah through your actions and prayers. He sees your efforts and will guide you on the right path.

Grateful for Allah’s Blessings

Mansoor: Baba, today at lunch, my friend Ali didn’t like the food his mother packed for him. He said it wasn’t good and threw it away. Is that okay?

Baba: No, beta, that’s not okay. Let me share what Allah says in the Qur’an:
"O you who have believed, eat from the good things which We have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you worship." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:172)

Mansoor: What does that mean, Baba?

Baba: It means Allah has given us good and pure food to eat, and we should always be grateful to Him for these blessings. Throwing food away or being ungrateful is not pleasing to Allah.

Mansoor: But, Baba, sometimes I don’t like the food either. What should I do?

Baba: That’s okay, beta. You don’t have to eat something you don’t like, but you should never waste it. You can save it for later or share it with someone who might need it.

Mansoor: Oh, like when we gave extra food to the neighbor who didn't have enough?

Baba: Exactly, beta. Sharing food is one way to show gratitude to Allah. Being thankful means appreciating what we have and using it in a good way.

Mansoor: Baba, how can I remember to be more thankful?

Baba: Start by saying Alhamdulillah every time you eat or drink something. And when you see others wasting food, remind them gently about how Allah has blessed us.

Mansoor: I'll try to do that, Baba. Can I talk to Ali about this too?

Baba: Of course, beta. Use kind words and tell him how important it is to be grateful for Allah's blessings. Maybe your words will inspire him to think differently.

A Lesson in What We Eat

Mansoor: Baba, today at school, I saw a new restaurant, and some of my friends were talking about it. They said it serves pork, and I didn't know what that was. Can I eat there?

Baba: No, beta, we are not allowed to eat pork, as it is forbidden in Islam. Allah tells us in the Qur'an:
"He has only forbidden to you dead animals, blood, the flesh of swine, and that which has been dedicated to other than Allah. But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit], there is no sin upon him. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:173)

Mansoor: So, Baba, does that mean I can never eat pork?

Baba: That's right, Mansoor. Pork and other forbidden foods are not allowed for us. But if someone is in a situation where they have no choice, like if they are starving and there is no other food, Allah is forgiving and merciful. They can eat just enough to survive, and it won't be a sin.

Mansoor: Oh, so if we're not starving, we shouldn't eat it?

Baba: Exactly. We should always choose what is halal and good for us, and be grateful for the food Allah provides. When we eat what is pure and clean, we are following Allah's commands.

Mansoor: But Baba, what if there is no halal food around, and I'm really hungry?

Baba: That's a good question, beta. If you are in a situation where there is no halal food, you must try your best to avoid eating something forbidden. But if you are forced to eat for survival, it's okay, and Allah will forgive you, as long as you don't desire it and you don't go beyond what is necessary.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. I'll try my best to always eat halal food and thank Allah for what we have.

Baba: That's the right attitude, Mansoor. Allah loves those who are grateful and follow His guidance. Always remember that what is halal brings blessings into our lives.

The Price of Truth

Mansoor: Baba, today in school, my teacher was talking about people who hide important information. She said that some people change things for money. Is that okay?

Baba: Good question, Mansoor. Allah warns us about those who hide the truth, especially when it comes to His teachings. Allah says in the Qur'an:
"Indeed, they who conceal what Allah has sent down of the Book and exchange it for a small price - those consume not into their bellies except the Fire. And Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He purify them. And they will have a painful punishment." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:174)

Mansoor: So, Baba, is it wrong to hide the truth for money?

Baba: Yes, Mansoor, it is very wrong. Allah tells us that those who hide the truth and do it for worldly gains will face a great punishment. They will not only hurt themselves but also cause others to be misled. The truth is a gift from Allah, and we must always share it, no matter the cost.

Mansoor: But Baba, what if someone is offering a lot of money for it?

Baba: That's a temptation many people face, Mansoor. But we must remember that no amount of money is worth losing Allah's pleasure. The truth, once hidden, can cause great harm. Allah's rewards are far greater than anything this world can offer.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. We should always be honest, no matter what.

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor. Honesty and truthfulness are key to pleasing Allah. Even if it seems difficult, always choose the right path. Allah will reward you for your honesty.

Mansoor: I will remember that, Baba. I'll always speak the truth, even if others try to tempt me with something bad.

Baba: That's the right attitude, my son. Remember, the truth will always lead you to success in this world and the next. Keep your heart pure, and Allah will guide you.

The Right Path

Mansoor: Baba, I was listening to a story in school today about people who make bad choices. Some of them choose to follow the wrong path, even when they know it will lead them to harm. Is that true?

Baba: Yes, Mansoor. Allah tells us in the Qur'an about people who choose wrong over right. He says:
"Those are the ones who have exchanged guidance for error and forgiveness for punishment. How patient they are in pursuit of the Fire!" (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:175)

Mansoor: So, Baba, they know they are making a mistake, but they still choose it?

Baba: Yes, that’s the problem, Mansoor. Some people are so attached to their desires that they ignore the guidance of Allah. Even when they know the right path, they turn away from it in favor of things that will hurt them in the end.

Mansoor: But Baba, why would anyone choose something that leads to punishment?

Baba: It’s because sometimes people get distracted by the world and its temptations. They forget that the true reward is with Allah. Instead of seeking forgiveness and peace, they chase after things that seem good in the short term, but they bring pain in the long run.

Mansoor: That’s so sad, Baba. I don’t want to make those bad choices. How can I stay on the right path?

Baba: The key, Mansoor, is to always remember Allah and seek His guidance. Ask Him for help when you’re unsure, and be patient. The right path might not always be the easiest, but it’s the one that will bring you true peace and happiness, both in this life and the next.

Mansoor: I want to stay on the right path, Baba. I don’t want to choose the wrong things that will hurt me.

Baba: That’s a wise choice, Mansoor. Always remember to stay close to Allah, be patient, and trust in His guidance. When you choose the right path, Allah will help you through every difficulty.

Mansoor: I’ll try my best, Baba. I don’t want to end up like the people in the story. I want to make good choices.

Baba: Insha’Allah, you will, my son. As long as you stay firm in your faith and make the right choices, Allah will protect you and guide you to success.

The Importance of Understanding

Mansoor: Baba, today in school, we were talking about different opinions people have about the Qur'an. Some people believe in it, while others don't understand it. Why do people argue about the Qur'an?

Baba: That's a good question, Mansoor. Allah tells us in the Qur'an that those who differ about the Book are in a state of confusion and disagreement. He says:
"That is [deserved by them] because Allah has sent down the Book in truth. And indeed, those who differ over the Book are in extreme dissension." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:176)

Mansoor: So, Baba, does that mean they are wrong?

Baba: Not necessarily, Mansoor. Some people might not fully understand the message of the Qur'an, or they may interpret it in different ways. But the truth is, the Qur'an has been revealed by Allah to guide us, and its message is clear for those who seek understanding with sincerity.

Mansoor: Why do people argue then if the Qur'an is so clear?

Baba: People argue because they let their own desires and opinions cloud their understanding. Instead of seeking the truth with an open heart, they sometimes focus on their own ideas and don’t try to understand Allah’s message properly. When that happens, they end up in disagreement.

Mansoor: But Baba, what should we do when we disagree with someone about the Qur'an?

Baba: It’s important to be patient and respectful, Mansoor. If you disagree with someone, it’s okay as long as you approach the conversation with kindness and try to understand their perspective. But most importantly, always remember that the Qur'an is the truth, and we should hold on to it firmly.

Mansoor: So, Baba, we shouldn’t argue with others, but we should try to learn from the Qur'an and understand it better?

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor. The Qur'an is a guidance for all of us. When we focus on learning and understanding it, Allah will open our hearts to the truth. We should also pray to Him for understanding and always seek His guidance when we are unsure.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. I will keep learning and try to understand the Qur'an better, and be kind to others who may not understand it the same way.

Baba: That’s a great attitude, Mansoor. Remember, it’s not about winning an argument. It’s about seeking the truth, following Allah’s guidance, and treating others with respect. May Allah make it easy for you.

The True Meaning of Righteousness

Mansoor: Baba, today my teacher told us that righteousness isn't just about praying or facing a certain direction. But what does true righteousness really mean?

Baba: That's a very important question, Mansoor. Allah explains to us in the Qur'an what true righteousness is. He says:
"Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets, and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:177)

Mansoor: So, Baba, righteousness isn't just about praying or facing the right direction, but it's about believing in Allah, doing good things, and helping others?

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor. It's about having faith in Allah and His messengers, being kind and generous, especially to those who are less fortunate, and living a life full of patience and good actions. Righteousness is shown in how we treat others, how we keep our promises, and how we remain strong through challenges.

Mansoor: But Baba, sometimes I really like my toys and snacks. How can I give things away if I love them?

Baba: That's a good question, Mansoor. Allah tells us that true righteousness is when we give, even if it's hard for us to part with something we love. Giving in charity doesn't mean giving what's easy, but sharing what we care about, to help others in need.

Mansoor: So, if I give some of my toys to children who don't have any, that's part of being righteous?

Baba: Yes, Mansoor, that's exactly it. Every act of kindness, whether it's helping the poor, sharing with others, or even just being patient during tough times, is a part of being righteous.

Mansoor: I want to be righteous, Baba. I'll try to help others and give what I love, even if it's hard sometimes.

Baba: I'm so proud of you, Mansoor. Remember, righteousness is not just about actions, but also about having the right intentions. If your heart is pure and you strive to do good for Allah's sake, then you are on the right path.

Mansoor: Insha'Allah, Baba. I'll keep trying to do good and be kind to others.

Baba: Insha'Allah, you will, Mansoor. Allah sees everything, and He rewards those who do good from their hearts.